Mr. S. F. Nunez.—Here, Sir, the question was, "how many resolutions were sent to the Government" and the reply is "46", out of which only 8 resolutions have been ballotted. When such a discrepancy arises, naturally, we cannot understand the thing.

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—May I explain, Sir? What we considered was, after collecting all the materials for discussion, those resolutions which can be taken up will be finally admitted by the President. In that light, we viewed it, and that is why this answer was given.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—So, the admission of resolutions does not depend upon Rules or Standing Orders of the Council but upon the availability of information to the Government?

Mr. A. B. Salem.—The word "finally" I do not understand.

President.—The fact of the matter seems to be that, within the short time at the disposal of the Secretariat, they were not able to get all the available information. This is a difficulty, and, you see, we are just in the commencement of the legislative work. After some time, we may be able to do the work more quickly. Whole records have to be hunted up, and it necessarily takes time.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—May I request you as the President of this Council to direct the Government to give me correct answers to these questions?

President.—That is the correct answer.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—My purpose is this. The Secretary to the Diwan has no right to send a communication as was sent by him to the Secretary to the Legislative Council. Under what Rule, Regulation or Standing Order was this communication to the Secretary to the Council sent?

President.—What is pointed out is that this sort of informal communication between the Secretary to the Diwan and the Secretary to the Council in regard to matters of legislative business should not be allowed.

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—It shall not be done hereafter.

Resolutions received after the last meeting.

357. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(1) the number of resolutions received after the last meeting of the Council;

(2) how many of them have been disallowed; and

(3) asked to amend; and

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(4) whether the resolutions which were disallowed be printed and placed on the table, giving the section of the Regulation, Rule or Standing Orders under which they have been disallowed; and also

(5) to place on the table those resolutions which have been sent for amendment, stating what amendments have been proposed to be made?

Mr. T. K. Krishna Menon.—(1) Twenty-eight resolutions till 20th January 1927.

(2) Nineteen.

(3) Seven.

(4) and (5). The Government do not consider it necessary to do so, as every Member whose resolution was disallowed or was returned for amendment used to be informed the reason for doing so.

Tobacco cultivation.

358. **Dr. A. G. Menon.**—Will the Government be pleased to state the causes which led to the discontinuance of the tobacco cultivation—once flourished on the borders adjoining the Coimbatore District, in the Chittur Taluk?

Mr. V. B. Vaidyanatha Ayyar.—No records are forthcoming to show that tobacco cultivation once flourished in the Chittur Taluk.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—The answer is given here: "No records are forthcoming". From where? From the Office of the Superintendent, from the Huzur, or from the Chittur Taluk Office? This question is strictly concerned with the Chittur Taluk, and such information will be had from the Chittur Taluk Office.

President.—You have not made any reference to the Chittur Taluk Office?

Mr. V. B. Vaidyanatha Ayyar.—No, Sir.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—If reference is made to the Chittur Taluk Office, more information will be forthcoming. The answer "no records are forthcoming" is defective. Proper precautions are not taken in the matter of supplying information.

President.—That is your remark.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—I beg your pardon, Sir.

President.—Whether the Superintendent referred to the Chittur Taluk Office is a fresh question. You can put a fresh question like that. Is there any urgency about the matter?

Dr. A. G. Menon.—No, Sir. Before the reorganisation of the Abkari system, it was in the Chittur Taluk. I think you will try to promote this, and encourage cultivators to do so.

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